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1. The Hungarian secret police organization known as the A.V.O. (Állam Védelmi Osztály — "National Defense Units") consists of three branches or sections: political (espionage and counter-espionage), industrial (anti-sabotage), and frontier. The three sections are independent of one another in their operations, and are controlled by AVO Főbárosztág (General Command) with headquarters in Budapest at Andrassy ut. 60 under the command of a Russian official.
2. Branch offices are located as follows:
 - a. Political Section: Miskolc, Pécs, and Szombathely. The sub-offices at Letenye, Nova, Nagykanizsa, and Lenti are controlled by the Szombathely office.
 - b. Industrial Section: Nagykanizsa, which controls sub-offices at Govaszi (sic), Bozakeretlye (sic), and Puszta Szent László.
 - c. Frontier Section: Kerkeszentrkitaly (sic) and Letenye.
3. The following personnel of the Political Section are identified:

Major József Szele, head of the Szombathely office.
Lt. István Pipas (cover name of József Scherer), member of the A.V.O. of Szentgotthárd; a former police NCO.
Lt. Árpád Horváth (real name, István Siklósi), member of the Szolnokalatbánya A.V.O.
2nd Lt. László Novák, member of the A.V.O. of Zalaszentgrót.
Lt. Col. József Balla, head of the Miskolc office.
2nd Lt. Imre Horváth, of the Letenye A.V.O. office.
Lt. László Zentai, of the Zalaegerszeg A.V.O. office.
2nd Lt. József Varga, Zalaegerszeg.
2nd Lt. Béla Gourbaum, Zalaegerszeg.
Lt. Col. András Bartha, Kaposvár.
2nd Lt. József Nagy, Nagykanizsa.
Lt. Gyula Marosi, Veszprém.

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